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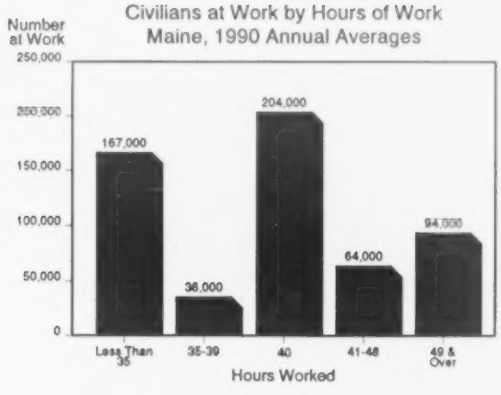
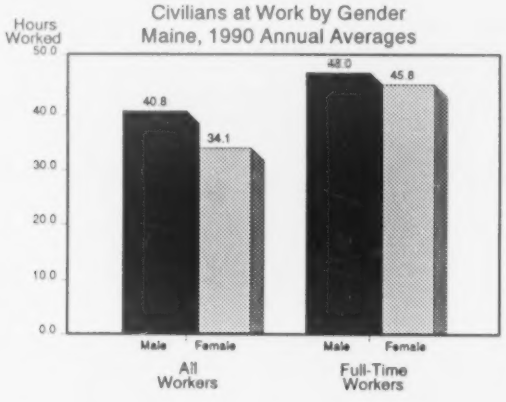
Maine Workers Averaged Almost 38 Hours of Work Per Week During 1990

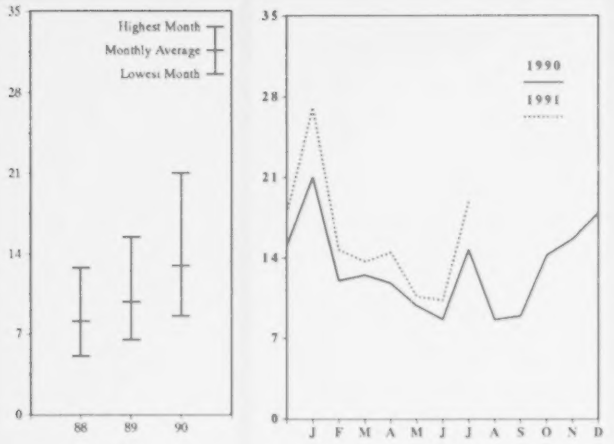




Over 25 percent of the civilians at work in Maine averaged more than 40 hours of work per week during 1990. Of those working less than 35 hours a week, over 75 percent averaged between 15 and 34 hours of work. For persons working in more than one job, hours worked in all jobs are credited to hours of work for the survey week.

All Maine workers averaged 37.7 hours of work per week during 1990. Workers on full-time schedules averaged 47.1 hours per week. Females averaged fewer hours worked per week than males for all workers and for workers on full-time schedules. Individuals working 35 hours or more per week are considered to be on full-time schedules.

UI Initial Claims
in Thousands



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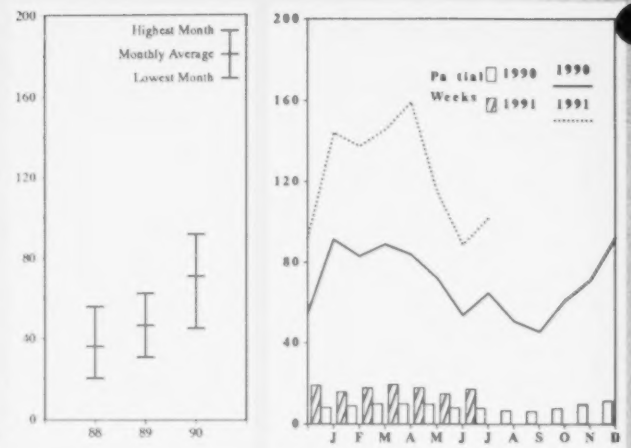


Average Annual Pay for All Covered Workers 1989 and 1990, New England States and U.S.

Area	Average Annual Pay[1/]		Change	
	1989	1990	Number	Percent
Connecticut	$27,500	$28,995	$1,495	5.4
Maine	19,202	20,154	952	5.0
Massachusetts	25,233	26,689	1,456	5.8
New Hampshire	21,553	22,609	1,056	4.9
Rhode Island	21,128	22,388	1,260	6.0
Vermont	19,497	20,532	1,035	5.3
United States	22,563	23,602	1,039	4.6

1/ Includes workers covered by State Unemployment Insurance and Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employee programs.

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Selected Employment Security Activities

MAINE JOB SERVICE

Unemployment Insurance Benefit Payments

In Millions

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)

Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance

In Millions

(End of Month)

Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS 1988	1989	1990
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$440.74	$438.37	$416.81	38.9	39.6	39.1	$11.33	$11.07	$10.66	$9.31	$9.89	$10.58
Durable Goods	425.20	422.24	400.93	40.0	40.6	39.5	10.63	10.40	10.15	9.00	9.59	10.20
Lumber and Wood Products	379.43	370.94	381.06	42.3	42.2	41.6	8.97	8.79	9.16	8.60	8.85	9.10
Primary and Fabricated Metals	411.87	432.90	384.91	40.3	42.4	39.6	10.22	10.21	9.72	8.79	9.31	9.98
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	580.48	542.59	505.04	46.7	43.2	42.8	12.43	12.56	11.80	9.49	11.03	11.63
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	342.08	378.07	320.42	34.8	38.5	32.3	9.83	9.82	9.92	8.51	9.02	9.69
Transportation Equipment	494.21	470.69	463.08	38.4	38.9	40.8	12.87	12.10	11.35	9.82	10.80	11.68
Other Durable Goods	357.43	359.10	333.33	42.2	42.0	40.6	8.47	8.55	8.21	7.43	7.80	8.11
Nondurable Goods	453.72	450.47	431.84	38.0	38.7	38.8	11.94	11.64	11.13	9.60	10.16	10.93
Food and Kindred Products	319.16	303.51	310.42	35.7	32.6	34.8	8.94	9.31	8.92	7.30	8.01	8.56
Textile Mill Products	329.67	350.06	353.73	37.0	39.6	39.7	8.91	8.84	8.91	7.66	8.22	8.82
Apparel and Other Textile Products	261.00	241.82	265.33	36.0	32.9	36.8	7.25	7.35	7.21	6.43	7.04	7.38
Paper and Allied Products	683.09	683.39	654.89	40.3	41.9	43.0	16.95	16.31	15.23	13.93	14.51	15.16
Leather and Leather Products	295.26	291.82	242.79	37.0	37.8	34.1	7.98	7.72	7.12	6.59	6.92	7.44
Other Nondurable Goods	362.48	379.26	380.03	36.8	38.7	38.7	9.85	9.80	9.82	8.62	9.10	9.62
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	376.01	386.40	390.60	36.4	36.8	36.0	10.33	10.50	10.85	9.58	10.53	10.63
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	372.78	366.13	365.19	39.7	39.2	39.1	9.39	9.34	9.34	8.08	8.50	9.26

Female Labor Force in Maine

In Thousands

ITEM[1]	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force	309.9	310.0	302.4
Unemployment	21.3	18.3	18.0
(Percent)	7.0%	5.9%	6.0%
Resident Employed	288.6	291.7	284.3

U.S. Consumer Price Index

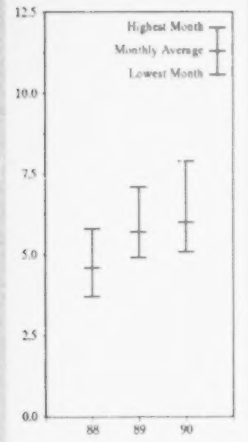
BASE PERIOD (1982-1984 = 100) All Items (CPI-U)	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
	136.2	136.0	130.4	133.8

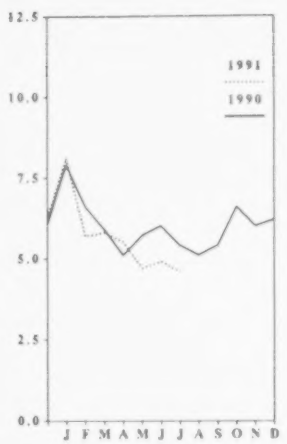
Percent Change for Past Month	+0.1%
Percent Change from Last December	+1.8%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+4.4%

1/ Current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.
Source: Female labor force estimates are developed by, and solely the responsibility of, the Maine Bureau of Employment Security.

New Applications For Work

In Thousands

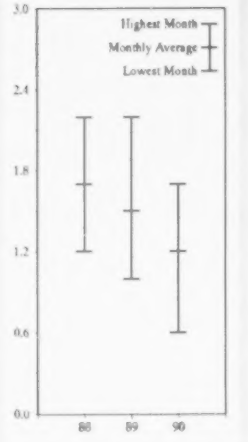


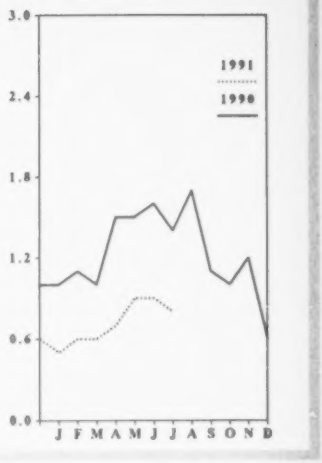


Nonfarm Placements

In Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)





Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work (in Thousands)

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	517.7	524.3	542.7	124.8	125.7	131.9	36.5	38.2	38.3
Goods Producing	120.7	121.9	132.6	21.7	21.5	24.3	9.4	10.1	10.3
Construction and Mining	26.0	25.8	32.0	5.6	5.6	7.0	1.8	1.8	2.1
Building Construction	8.2	7.9	10.1	1.1	1.1	1.8	n/a	n/a	n/a
Special Trade Contractors	13.4	13.4	16.4	3.9	4.0	4.7	n/a	n/a	n/a
Manufacturing	94.7	96.1	100.6	16.1	15.9	17.3	7.6	8.3	8.2
Durable Goods	43.0	43.3	47.8	7.2	7.1	8.4	2.2	2.3	2.3
Lumber and Wood Products	10.4	9.8	11.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.0	3.1	3.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.3	4.5	4.6	1.5	1.6	1.8	n/a	n/a	n/a
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	7.4	7.6	8.2	2.6	2.6	2.9	n/a	n/a	n/a
Transportation Equipment	13.6	13.9	15.6	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Durable Goods 2/	4.3	4.4	4.6	3.1	2.9	3.7	n/a	n/a	n/a
Nondurable Goods	51.7	52.8	52.8	8.9	8.8	8.9	5.4	6.0	5.9
Food and Kindred Products	6.7	6.5	7.4	2.3	2.3	2.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Textile Mill Products	5.3	5.6	5.5	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Apparel and Other Textile Products	2.5	2.7	2.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	18.2	18.0	17.8	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Printing and Publishing	5.2	5.4	5.8	1.4	1.5	1.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastic Products	3.4	3.5	3.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.1	1.1	1.3
Leather and Leather Products	8.9	9.7	8.5	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.9	1.5
Footwear (except Rubber)	7.4	8.1	7.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	1.5	1.4	1.4	3.7	3.6	3.6	2.8	3.0	3.1
Service Producing	397.0	402.4	410.1	103.1	104.2	107.6	27.1	28.1	28.0
Transportation and Public Utilities	22.5	22.1	22.4	7.3	7.1	6.5	1.3	1.3	1.3
Wholesale Trade	24.2	24.4	25.5	9.2	9.0	9.6	2.1	2.2	2.2
Retail Trade	108.7	107.0	116.4	27.4	27.6	30.2	7.6	7.8	7.9
Food Stores	19.2	19.3	20.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Eating and Drinking Places	38.5	37.0	40.6	8.8	8.8	9.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	25.5	25.4	25.3	12.5	12.4	12.3	2.2	2.2	2.3
Banking	10.2	10.2	10.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	10.9	10.9	10.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Services	134.4	131.1	135.5	33.1	33.0	35.0	10.2	10.3	10.4
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	13.4	10.9	14.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Business Services	15.3	15.2	14.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Health Services	45.5	45.5	44.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Federal Government	17.8	17.8	19.8	1.9	1.9	2.1	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local Government 4/	63.9	74.6	65.2	11.7	13.2	11.9	3.4	4.0	3.6
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 24, 25, 32, 33, 34, 37, 38, 39. 3/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 20, 22, 23, 26, 30; Lewiston - 20, 22, 23, 26, 27. 4/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. * Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item. Source: Nonfarm wage and salary employment by place of work and earnings, and workweek of production workers in manufacturing industries are developed by the Maine Bureau of Employment Security in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-STATEWIDE (000)	661.9	656.5	656.2	614.3	606.5	625.3	47.6	50.0	30.9	7.2	7.6	4.7
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	47,200	47,200	46,100	44,400	44,300	44,400	2,800	2,900	1,700	5.8	6.1	3.7
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	42,700	43,900	42,300	38,000	39,100	39,100	4,800	4,800	3,200	11.2	10.9	7.6
Portland MSA	135,800	134,800	137,600	128,700	126,700	133,100	7,100	8,100	4,500	5.2	6.0	3.3
Portsmouth-Dover Rochester MSA	n/a	144,300	144,300	n/a	136,900	137,900	n/a	7,300	6,500	n/a	5.1	4.5
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	39,090	37,580	38,200	36,630	35,120	36,720	2,470	2,460	1,480	6.3	6.5	3.9
Bath-Brunswick	31,680	31,240	32,010	30,060	29,390	31,050	1,620	1,850	970	5.1	5.9	3.0
Belfast	13,740	13,380	13,290	12,370	11,900	12,360	1,370	1,480	930	10.0	11.1	7.0
Biddeford	29,050	29,050	31,180	26,700	26,520	29,470	2,350	2,530	1,710	8.1	8.7	5.5
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	19,960	18,980	19,730	19,330	18,270	19,380	630	710	350	3.1	3.8	1.8
Calais-Eastport	15,850	15,880	15,330	14,470	14,240	14,320	1,390	1,630	1,010	8.7	10.3	6.6
Caribou-Presque Isle	23,850	23,810	22,290	21,510	21,540	20,860	2,340	2,270	1,440	9.8	9.5	6.4
Central Penobscot	3,470	3,510	3,190	3,120	3,180	2,980	350	330	210	10.0	9.3	6.5
Dover-Foxcroft	7,470	7,510	7,160	6,710	6,850	6,610	760	670	550	10.2	8.9	7.7
Ellsworth	31,220	29,260	30,860	29,990	27,690	30,060	1,230	1,570	800	3.9	5.4	2.6
Farmington	14,140	13,790	13,960	12,680	12,470	13,000	1,460	1,310	960	10.4	9.5	6.9
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,830	5,630	5,580	5,330	4,980	5,310	500	650	270	8.5	11.5	4.9
Greenville	1,590	1,450	1,560	1,510	1,340	1,490	80	110	70	5.0	7.7	4.5
Houlton	6,950	7,030	6,790	6,410	6,530	6,350	540	510	430	7.8	7.2	6.4
Kittery-York 3/	30,580	30,350	30,900	29,650	29,360	30,280	930	990	620	3.0	3.3	2.0
Lincoln-Howland	5,660	5,870	5,540	5,040	5,200	5,210	610	670	330	10.8	11.4	6.0
Livermore FallS	5,540	5,350	5,040	4,950	4,820	4,620	590	540	420	10.7	10.0	8.3
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,400	4,310	4,260	4,040	3,940	4,000	350	370	260	8.1	8.7	6.2
Millinocket-East Millinocket	4,520	4,580	4,360	4,110	4,120	4,170	410	460	190	9.0	10.0	4.4
Norway-Paris	12,960	12,390	12,590	11,560	10,920	11,540	1,400	1,470	1,040	10.8	11.9	8.3
Patten-Island Falls	2,700	2,590	2,500	2,440	2,320	2,360	260	270	140	9.7	10.5	5.4
Rockland	20,980	20,880	20,840	19,880	19,480	19,840	1,090	1,400	1,000	5.2	6.7	4.8
Rumford	9,100	9,170	9,060	8,140	8,170	8,490	960	1,000	570	10.5	10.9	6.3
Sanford	17,560	17,500	17,460	15,890	15,780	16,360	1,670	1,720	1,100	9.5	9.8	6.3
Sebago Lakes Region	15,340	14,410	15,130	14,270	13,290	14,440	1,070	1,120	690	7.0	7.8	4.5
Skowhegan	24,960	25,340	23,990	21,970	22,630	22,270	3,000	2,710	1,720	12.0	10.7	7.2
Southwest Penobscot	11,740	11,940	11,420	10,140	10,540	10,250	1,600	1,400	1,170	13.6	11.7	10.3
Waterville	26,360	27,880	25,890	24,410	25,760	24,860	1,950	2,120	1,030	7.4	7.6	4.0
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES (000)												
Connecticut	n/a	1,814.8	1,818.0	n/a	1,701.9	1,723.2	n/a	112.9	94.8	n/a	6.2	5.2
Massachusetts	3,161.0	3,167.0	3,223.7	2,864.0	2,867.0	3,014.2	297.0	300.0	209.5	9.4	9.5	6.5
New Hampshire	n/a	643.8	641.1	n/a	597.1	602.9	n/a	46.7	38.2	n/a	7.3	6.0
Rhode Island	513.7	510.6	520.6	471.4	471.8	483.3	42.3	38.8	37.3	8.2	7.6	7.2
Vermont	n/a	309.2	310.3	n/a	287.7	296.1	n/a	21.5	14.3	n/a	6.9	4.6
NEW ENGLAND STATES (000)	n/a	7,101.9	7,169.9	n/a	6,532.0	6,745.0	n/a	569.9	425.0	n/a	8.0	5.9
UNITED STATES (000)	127,327	127,054	126,900	118,751	118,280	119,954	8,576	8,774	6,945	6.7	6.9	5.5

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas are by place of residence and are not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data exclude members of the Armed Forces. Data are rounded for publishing purposes. Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding. MSA - Metropolitan Statistical Area. n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.

2/ Current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

Source: These data are developed by the Maine Bureau of Employment Security in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of continued-week claimants*	18,648	18,240	14,975	2,948	3,267	2,217	2,073	1,798	1,789

Continued-week claimants are less partials for week including the 12th of the month.

Maine Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work (in Thousands)

ITEM	1991 2nd Quarter	Previous Quarter	Year Ago	Net Change to Current Quarter From Previous Quarter	Net Change to Current Quarter From Year Ago
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment	515.7	511.0	542.0	4.7	-26.3
Goods Producing	119.5	119.2	132.3	.3	-12.8
Construction and Mining	24.3	22.6	29.9	1.7	-5.6
Building Construction	7.5	7.5	9.6	.0	-2.1
Special Trade Contractors	12.9	12.1	15.5	.8	-2.6
Manufacturing	95.2	96.6	102.4	-1.4	-7.2
Durable Goods	43.1	44.7	47.2	-1.6	-4.1
Lumber and Wood Products	9.6	10.6	10.3	-1.0	-.7
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.1	3.3	3.5	-.2	-.4
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.4	4.6	4.8	-.2	-.4
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	7.5	7.4	8.3	.1	-.8
Transportation Equipment	14.2	14.7	15.5	-.5	-1.3
Other Durable Goods	4.3	4.1	4.8	.2	-.5
Nondurable Goods	52.1	51.9	55.2	.2	-3.1
Food and Kindred Products	6.4	6.5	6.9	-.1	-.5
Textile Mill Products	5.4	5.3	5.8	.1	-.4
Apparel and Other Textile Products	2.6	2.8	3.0	-.2	-.4
Paper and Allied Products	17.7	17.5	17.6	.2	.1
Printing and Publishing	5.5	5.6	5.8	-.1	-.3
Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastic Products	3.4	3.4	3.7	.0	-.3
Leather and Leather Products	9.7	9.7	11.0	.0	-1.3
Footwear (except Rubber)	8.1	8.1	9.2	.0	-1.1
Other Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.1	1.4	.3	.0
Service Producing	396.2	391.8	409.7	4.4	-13.5
Transportation and Public Utilities	21.6	21.4	22.1	.2	-.5
Wholesale Trade	24.0	23.9	25.3	.1	-1.3
Retail Trade	102.8	99.9	109.6	2.9	-6.8
Food Stores	18.9	18.9	19.3	.0	-.4
Eating and Drinking Places	33.3	29.0	35.7	4.3	-2.4
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	25.1	24.8	25.2	.3	-.1
Banking	10.0	10.1	10.3	-.1	-.3
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	10.8	10.8	10.3	.0	.5
Services	128.5	125.6	122.8	2.9	5.7
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	8.8	6.6	9.3	2.2	-.5
Business Services	15.0	14.4	14.4	.6	.6
Health Services	45.3	45.1	44.9	.2	.4
Federal Government	17.8	18.2	20.2	-.4	-2.4
State and Local Government	76.4	78.0	78.5	-1.6	-2.1
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	.0	.0

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